

**SECTION H**

**SAN DIEGO UNIT**

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CDF San Diego Unit has had opportunities to work and train firefighters from the Republic of Mexico. This is possible because of the great working relationships with numerous local, state and federal agencies in Mexico. The bi-national working agreement has given CDF the benefit of entering Mexico to assist Mexican firefighters in extinguishing wildfires before they enter the U. S. Overall, both countries benefit from this working relationship. Also, CDF continues it's tradition of having strong ties to local, federal, military and Indian reservations.

Accomplishing Pre-Fire Projects in the Unit is dependent on available resources, staff and funding. The majority of the constraints encountered are a lack of staff (GIS support), bogged down in numerous meetings, and not being able to complete projects. The workload increases with SRA and DPA Updates, Fire Perimeters, CWPP, Unit Fire Plan, Grants and Contracts, SRA Fees, Vegetation and Resource Management Projects and numerous GIS Projects with no support or additional staffing.